

A Treasure Chest of Ideas from FCCLA Leadership Retreat-2001

1. Use the computer--Internet Program-- for diet analysis
2. On the first day of school, give each student a 4x6 index card and have each student make a post card depicting their summer
3. Sell milk at school to students to promote good nutrition, get students into the milk habit and make money.
4. Use basketball free throws to show insurance statistics--risks and chances
5. Display-Showcase accomplishments of members by having their photos displayed in your department
6. During a financial unit, as a break in the class, ask the students in class a question about a money issue. An example of a question is "How much does a pair of glasses cost?" The student the closest answer wins a prize.
7. At Christmas sell candy canes with a message attached.
8. Color code and make signs with class names on them and then hang the signs on the wall. Write daily class assignments below the class names. Place a tub below each name also. Color code assignments to match the sign names. When a student is absent, place their worksheets in the corresponding tub. They can check for their assignment and pick up their worksheets when they return.
9. Assign job titles to various tasks and then delegate students--AV Technician, Appreciation Giver (writes Thank Yous) etc.
10. Have Executive Council Meetings for FCCLA
11. Choose a theme for FCCLA
12. Give door prizes at FCCLA meetings. Pencils, key chains, etc. can be given
13. Make checklist for all annual FCCLA events
14. Give each student 100 points for good behavior and whenever the student misbehaves he/she loses points
15. SMILE Day--Students Making Individual Leadership Examples for STOP the Violence. Send letter to each teacher explaining the day and if the teachers observed a student being extra kind or helpful, a positive leader, the teacher would quietly place a smiley sticker on the student without an explanation. At the end of the day, it was explained and any student who had a smiley sticker got a smiley cookie.
16. Sell Sunkist and RC Crush pop with messages--" (Name of person) been kist" or "(Name of person) has a Crush on you". Sell them for \$1.00. You can also sell insurance for another \$1.00 to guarantee that no one will find out who sent it. To find out who sent it, a student can pay \$.50.
17. Signs for lockers for invitations and for member identification.
18. Teacher Appreciation Day with little gifts
19. Put activities in sections in 3 ring binders.
20. Have students draw lifesavers to get into groups. They enjoy the treat and are always in the right group.
21. A thought for the day for the bulletin board to share one new thing each day.
22. When showing videos, have the students list "factoids from the video. This is great for subs.

23. Elect FCCLA officers in April, install in May and have a planning day before school starts to plan your Program of Work.
24. For an FCCLA Banquet, play a take off of the Newlywed Game with the members their parents to find out how much they know about each other.
25. Use the computer to make table tents to inform the public about various activities or special weeks/months.
26. For my 7th grade exploratory class, I keep a box of trivia questions. If we have a few minutes left at the end of a class period, I write a question on the board and they put their name magnets on the answer. The one with the best score at the end of the quarter gets a prize.
27. Have a committee make computer-generated signs for FCCLA member's lockers.
28. Our FCCLA officers meet during homeroom each month (3 or 4 days before our monthly meeting) to go over the agenda. We have "treats" and plan our monthly meeting.
29. When I need a break, I assign a section for the students to teach including handouts and test questions.
30. I use the digital camera to compile a cookbook of recipes and pictures for my food management class. They love it and it is a nice keepsake for me.
31. What is a family? Family role-playing with assigned parts--from taking charge.
32. Before Baby Think It Over, the students receive their pregnancy notices from various clinics, each school day following is a month of pregnancy and by the 4th or 5th day, they need to carry a 10-pound fetus.
33. Use a deck of cards for dividing students into groups.
34. Chart all FCCLA activities and use stickers for members to put on chart to record participation in projects.
35. Timelines made by students for each child development area.
36. Make care packages to give teachers at Parent-Teacher Conferences.
37. Color code 3 ring binders for the info/notes you use for each class that you teach.
38. Make a list of what students have taken what FACS class so it is easier to identify completers.
39. For a fundraiser, do an "ugly flamingo" or ugly lawn ornament of any type. It appears on your lawn and you have to pay \$10 to have it removed. You can decide what lawn it goes on next. You can also sell insurance to make sure it does not appear on your lawn again.
40. Review for chapter or unit tests by writing jeopardy type questions. Divide the class into three teams.
41. A and B Circles to review for tests. Students come with three questions that they can answer. The students in each circle sit facing one another. They ask their three questions to the person that they are facing and then they rotate to the next person. When they get all of the way around the circle, they switch asking questions and rotating.